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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Robert N. Phelps et al.

Serial No.: To Be Assigned

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For: PROBE BASED DIGITIZING OR
COMPRESSION SYSTEM AND
METHOD FOR MEDICAL
ULTRASOUND

Examiner: To Be Assigned

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Applicants also wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the following pending United States Patent application:

U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 10/184,461
(Attorney Docket No. 2002P07542US, Filed June 27, 2002)

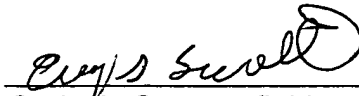
U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 10/315,469
(Attorney Docket No. 2002P15777US, Filed December 10, 2002)

U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 10/341,871
(Attorney Docket No. 2002P15775US, Filed January 14, 2003)

Applicants believe that this application either alone or in combination with the references cited in this Information Disclosure Statement neither disclose nor suggest Applicants' claimed invention. Applicants, however, respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of this application and place an indication in the file that they have been reviewed (MPEP § 609 D). Applicants additionally request that citations to these patent applications not be printed on the patent (MPEP § 609 D). A copy of the above-referenced application is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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REFERENCE DESIGNATION U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	A1	5,267,221	11/30/1993	Miller David G. et al.		
	A2	5,573,001	11/12/1996	Petrofsky et al.		
	A3	5,590,658	01/07/1997	Chiang et al.		
	A4	5,997,479	12/07/1999	Savord et al.		
	A5	5,617,866	04/08/1997	Marian Jr.		
	A6	5,676,147	10/14/1997	Petrofsky et al.		
	A7	5,690,114	11/25/1997	Chaing et al.		
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	A15	6,126,606	10/03/2000	Bergstoel		
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	A17	6,530,887	03/11/2003	Gilbert et al.		
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EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS <small>(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.)</small>					
	A19	"Fully Sampled Matrix Transducer for Real Time 3D Ultrasonic Imaging," by Bernard Savord, Rod Solomon - Philips Medical Systems, 300 Minuteman Rd., Andover MA; 9 pgs.; before December 2003.				

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